

New Tiered Structure for Visa Application Fees

Effective December 28, 2010, the Department of State will begin implementing a tiered structure for nonimmigrant visa application processing fees, also called the Machine-Readable Visa (MRV) fee. All applications received on or after Tuesday, December 28th, 2010 must be accompanied by the new fee amount, regardless of the date the fee was paid. Applicants who have paid an incorrect amount will have to pay the differential at the consular cashier.

The MRV fee is CHF140 (US\$140) for the following visa categories – (see a detailed chart at the bottom of this webpage): B (including B1/B2), C, C1/D, D, F, I, J, and M.

The MRV fee is CHF150 (US\$150) for the following visa categories (see a detailed chart at the bottom of this webpage): H, L*, O, P, Q, and R.

An additional fee of 500 USD will be charged to the principal applicant for a Blanket L visa and will be collected at the consulate during the interview. Payment for this supplemental fee is by cash or credit card only.

- In addition certain **L1 Blanket** applicants will have to pay a new Border Security Act fee of **USD 2250** on behalf of their employers. The top of the petitioner's pocket cover letter should say whether the fee is or not required. If it does not, please contact your petitioner before coming in. If it does and you need to pay, you can do so at the Embassy (Visa, Mastercard, American Express or cash accepted).

The MRV fee is CHF 390 (US\$390) for E treaty trader/investor visas.

The MRV fee is CHF 350 (US\$350) for the K fiancée visa.

Identifying Your Visa Category

Applicants must take special care to identify the correct visa category

before paying the MRV fee. Visa type is determined by the purpose of travel (e.g. tourism). If you are uncertain how to correctly identify your purpose of travel, visit the Visa Types page to establish which visa category you should apply for, or consult the chart below which includes the description of each visa category. Each possible purpose of travel is associated with a letter called the “visa symbol,” such as “student (F).” When booking interview appointments through the Call Center, applicants should explain their purpose of travel and verify the appropriate visa category.

Exchange Rate

The Embassy exchange rate is **1.00 USD for CHF 1.00**. This rate applies to all consular transactions, including payment of the MRV fee, any corresponding reciprocity fees and supplemental fees for Blanket L1 visas. All fees must be paid in CHF. Please do not use the daily market exchange rate or any other rate.

Complete Visa Chart

Visa Category Symbol	Description of Visa Class	Fee
A1 or A2	Ambassador, Public Minister, Career Diplomat or Consular Officer, or Other Foreign Government Official or Employee and Immediate Family Members	N/A
A3	Attendant, Servant, or Personal Employee of A1 or A2, or Immediate	N/A

	Family	
B1	Temporary Visitor for Business	CHF140
B2	Temporary Visitor for Pleasure	CHF140
B1/B2	Temporary Visitor for Business & Pleasure	CHF140
C1	Alien in Transit	CHF140
C1/D	Combined Transit and Crewmember Visa	CHF140
C3	Foreign Government Official, Immediate Family, Attendant, Servant or Personal Employee, in Transit	N/A
D	Crewmember (Sea or Air)	CHF140
E1	Treaty Trader, Spouse or Child	CHF390
E2	Treaty Investor, Spouse or Child	CHF390
E3	Australian Treaty Alien coming to the United States Solely to Perform Services in a Specialty Occupation	CHF390
F	Student in an academic or language training program	CHF140
G1 – G5	Representatives to an International Organization and Immediate Family Members	N/A
H1 – H4	Alien in a Specialty Occupation, Nurse in Health Professional Shortage Area, Temporary Worker	CHF150

	Performing Agricultural Services Unavailable in the U.S., Temporary Worker Performing Other Services Unavailable in the U.S. and the Spouse or Child *	
I	Representative of Foreign Information Media, Spouse and Child	CHF140
J	Exchange Visitor	CHF140
K	Fiancé(e) of United States Citizen	CHF350
L	Intracompany Transferee (Executive, Managerial, and Specialized Knowledge Personnel Continuing Employment with International Firm or Corporation)	CHF150
M	Vocational Student or Other Nonacademic Student	CHF140
NATO 1- 7	NATO Permanent Staff, Representatives, Clerks, Civilians, Attendants and Servants and Immediate Family Members	N/A
O	Alien with Extraordinary Ability in Sciences, Arts, Education, Business or Athletics	CHF150
P1	Internationally Recognized Athlete or Member of Internationally Recognized Entertainment Group	CHF150

P2	Artist or Entertainer in a Reciprocal Exchange Program	CHF150
P3	Artist or Entertainer in a Culturally Unique Program	CHF150
R	Alien in a Religious Occupation	CHF150